

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Rochedale Springwood

Since 1974

955 Rochedale Rd, Rochedale

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th September 2022

Readings: Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-13

The cross is Christ's glory and triumph

We celebrated the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Wednesday, 14th September. As the feast fell on a weekday, the majority of our parishioners weren't able to attend the Mass and celebrate this very meaningful and important feast. Therefore, I would like to invite you to read the second reading, authored by Saint Andrew of Crete, of the Office of Readings for the day. Together, let us reflect on the meaning of the cross of our Lord. Enjoy reading. Fr Baiyi

We are celebrating the feast of the cross which drove away darkness and brought in the light. As we keep this feast, we are lifted up with the crucified Christ, leaving behind us earth and sin so that we may gain the things above. So great and outstanding a possession is the cross that he who wins it has won a treasure. Rightly could I call this treasure the fairest of all fair things and the costliest, in fact as well as in name, for on it and through it and for its sake the riches of salvation that had been lost were restored to us.

Had there been no cross, Christ could not have been crucified. Had there been no cross, life itself could not have been nailed to the tree. And if life had not been nailed to it, there would be no streams of immortality pouring from Christ's side, blood and water for the world's cleansing. The legal bond of our sin would not be cancelled, we should not have attained our freedom, we should not have enjoyed the fruit of the tree of life and the gates of paradise would not stand open. Had there been no cross, death would not have been trodden underfoot, nor hell despoiled.

Therefore, the cross is something wonderfully great and honourable. It is great because through the cross the many noble acts of Christ found their consummation – very many indeed, for both his miracles and his sufferings were fully rewarded with victory. The cross is honourable because it is both the sign of God's suffering and the trophy of his victory. It stands for his suffering because on it he freely suffered unto death. But it is also his trophy because it was the means by which the devil was wounded and death conquered; the barred gates of hell were smashed, and the cross became the one common salvation of the whole world.

The cross is called Christ's glory; it is saluted as his triumph. We recognise it as the cup he longed to drink and the climax of the sufferings he endured for our sake. As to the cross being Christ's glory, listen to his words: *Now is the Son of Man glorified, and in him God is glorified, and God will glorify him at once.* And again: *Father, glorify me with the glory I had with you before the world came to be.* And once more: *"Father, glorify your name."* Then a voice came from heaven: *"I have glorified it and will glorify it again."* Here he speaks of the glory that would accrue to him through the cross. And if you would understand that the cross is Christ's triumph, hear what he himself also said: *When I am lifted up, then I will draw all men to myself.* Now you can see that the cross is Christ's glory and triumph.



PARISH PRIEST

Fr Baiyi Gong

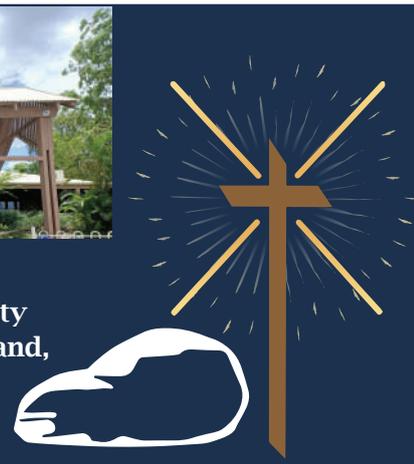
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MISSION STATEMENT

"Saint Peter's Parish is a community who lives in faith of Jesus Christ and, moved by the Spirit, continues to grow in our love for God and all people."



September		In our parish this week
Mon	19th	Memorial Wall construction to begin 8.00am Mass 7.00pm RCIA
Tue	20th	Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions 8.00am Mass
Wed	21st	St Matthew 6.30am Mass 7.00pm Consultation Meeting re new Parish Priest
Thu	22nd	Public Holiday - Parish Office closed No Mass
Fri	23rd	St Pius of Pietrelcina 9.00am Rosary 9.30am Mass
Sat	24th	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sun	25th	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9.00am Mass - No Childrens Liturgy 6.00pm Mass

Pivotal Players: The Word on Fire Pivotal Players series focuses on saints and a few others who have made a great impact on our church and faith as we understand it today. Next episode.....**7pm Wed 5th October.**

Save the date: Altar servers get together October 28th

Please Note: There will be no Masses on Wednesday 28th or Friday 30th September.

Those who have died: Queen Elizabeth II, Alfred Eaton, Wally Vanek Snr, John Drew, Clare Conway, Delle Conway, John Winnacott, Alma Minton, Doreen Towne, Milja Atanatovic, Sr Cecilia Anning.

Book of Life & Mass Requests:

Walter Donohue, Kathleen Pettiford, Ben Steffens, Kenneth Breuer, Christine Weverink, Gwendoline Gough, John Probert, Sylvia Rappensberg, Charles Murray, Kathleen Davis, Valmai Waterson, Jack Fox, Les Dwyer, Audrey Hussey, Elizabeth Severein, Roy Boyland, Wilfred Howell, Marilyn Croft, Ricquard Lyster, Ann Ryan, Gus Mitchell, Walter Blattman, Eileen Caligari, Margaret O'Brien, Annette Thorley, Trish Wilkinson, Luigi Nemesi, Cyril Smith, Jane McKenzie, Kevin O'Mara, Barbara Gleeson, Joan Jebamalai, Bernard Bevan, Ante "Tony" Bekavac.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Josephine Cullen, Harriet Ling, Erika Meerwald, Steph and Les O'Gorman, Kaye and Len Torrens, Rhonda Lawson, Liz Hill, Margaret Woltmann, Bev de Paola, Sr Lila Galvin, Margaret Linnett, Meryl Elliott Mitchell, Robert Fuchs, Teresa Leong, Des Baptist, Karen Johnson, Mel Singh, Lee Gregory, Gillian Van Rooyen, Phil Van Rooyen, Pat McDonnell, Katie Costello, Kathy Jensen.

Please contact the Parish Office via phone or email to add names to the list for Prayers for those who have died or who are sick. Please ensure you have the permission of the person who is sick to make their name public prior to contacting the Office.



Readings for next weekend:
Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C)
Amos 6:1, 4-7 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Luke 16:19-31

Memorial Wall Expansion Project: Building work for the construction of the new Memorial Wall and Garden will commence this Monday 19th September. Due to Workplace, Health and Safety requirements, there will be **strictly no access** to the Memorial Wall area and surrounds during the construction period, which is anticipated to end in early October. **No access will be permitted to the rear driveway** or carpark on weekdays. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Garden Working Bee Thank You: In preparation for earthworks for the Memorial Wall expansion project a working bee was held last Saturday. Many plants were saved, replanted or potted. A very big thank you to all those willing gardeners who came to help.

Children's Liturgy of the Word. There will be no Children's Liturgy at the Sunday Mass this weekend and during the school holidays. Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday 9th October.

PARISH GATHERING

As we know, Fr Baiyi Gong will soon conclude his time as Parish Priest of St Peter's, Rochedale. The College of Consultors advises the Archbishop in his decisions on clergy appointments. In this context, you are invited to a parish gathering with representatives from the Consultors who will take time to listen to parishioners' thoughts on the mission, vision, and unique charism of St Peter's parish. The gathering will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 21st September at the Parish Centre.

We hope you can attend.

Yours sincerely in Christ,
Fr Dan Ryan,
Vicar for Clergy

Bishop Tim Norton SVD will pay an episcopal visit to our parish on 7th, 8th and 9th October. Bishop Tim will celebrate weekend Masses and meet with various parish ministry groups. Details to be advised. During that weekend, on Saturday 8th Oct, we will have a **blessing of pets** at 3pm on the lawn beside the church.

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SAVE THE DATE! Bishop Tim is visiting our parish, and we are hosting our very own Youth BBQ with him on Friday 7th October! More details to come soon!

Please keep all the young adults from our parish attending **Ignite Conference** next week in your prayers! We pray that they are filled up with the Holy Spirit and God's love over the four day conference!



St Peter's Planned Giving:

We would be very grateful, if you are able, to support the Parish financially. There are several options.

Via Direct Bank Transfer: To direct transfer your Planned Giving to our bank account, our BSB is 064-786 and Account number is 100000067. Please use your surname and Planned Giving (or PG) as reference.

Envelopes, Credit Card or Direct Debit: Please contact the Office to set these up.

'Parish Giving' App: The logo to look for in the app store is a yellow and white cross forming a circle on a purple background. See our parish website for detailed 'User Guides'.

Tap & Go Donations: No cash at Mass? Try our donation terminal near the main doors: \$5 donation per swipe to support St Peter's Parish.

Faith Matters – In Prayer, Sorrow, Forgiveness and Reconciliation

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us

Prayer supports the restoration of our right relationship with our merciful and loving God through daily reflection on our life and the sanctifying grace of the Sacrament.

The **Ignatian Examen** invites us to review and reflect: to give thanks; to call on the Spirit; acknowledge our failures; ask forgiveness; and pray about our following days.¹

In the peace that flows from a **certainty**, rather than from an unsure hope, we know that our sins have been forgiven and that we are right with God.²

Thus restored, we take up our journey of the Cross with St Francis Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

1. Mark E. Thibodeaux, SJ, *Reimagining the Ignatian Examen*, Loyola Press

2. Father Leo Trese *The Faith Explained. Nihil Obstat: Louis J. Putz, C.S.C., University of Notre Dame. Imprimatur: Leo A. Pursley, D.D., Bishop of Fort Wayne, Indiana.*

Faith Enrichment Group

Entertainment Memberships: Support St Peter's Parish Fundraising and get access to \$1000's worth of discount offers and 2 for 1 deals at a huge number of dining, retail, tourism and accommodation businesses. You can purchase a single city (\$69.99) or Multi City subscription (\$119.99) which gives access to 21 cities across Australia and New Zealand. Online Order Page <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/2224e97>

Roster: 24th & 25th Sept	Saturday 6pm Mass	Sunday 9am Mass	Sunday 6pm Mass
Mass Co-ordinator	Joyce Lyster	Baji Itteera	Malcolm Carroll
AV Operator	Mike Collier	Mick Denton	Jonny Vigor
Readers	C. Neil Ballment 1. Joyce Lyster 2. Shelagh Ballment	C. Maria Chamberlain 1. 2. Tram Nguyen	C. Cecilia Lai 1. Edmund Lai 2. Bob Burns
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Rob Meulman Trish Meulman Carl de Mello	Del Reynolds Joan D'Netto Anne Scanlon	Anne Fry Megan Carroll Malcolm Carroll
Musicians	Rita Bishop	Ihsan	Anne Flood
Cleaning Group 4: Mary Crowley, Beverly Cramer, John Viola, Francis Yoo, Chris & Callista Jesuthasan.			
Cuppa & Chats after Mass : Cuppa after Sunday 9am Mass: Rashelle Johnson, Anne Scanlon & Tram Nguyen.			
This week 19th - 25th Sept	Sacristan: Prashanthi Selvarathnam.		Counting: Mike's group



Are you new to our Parish? **WELCOME!! WELCOME!!**

We'd like to formally greet you, so please contact the Parish Office on **3341 4421** or stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au

OTHER PARISH CONTACTS

Care & Concern: Transport: 0412 267 337

♥ Co-ordinator: Lynn White 0403 051 103

♥ Memorial Wall & Gardens:

Mal Jensen 0411 641 312

♥ Evangelisation Task Group Facebook

♥ St Peter's Catholic Parish Evangelisation

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

Representative: Malcolm Carroll 0410 193 569 or sgrep.stpetroch@bne.catholic.net.au

STOpline: 1300 304 550

Social Justice Group Facebook

St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group

St Vincent de Paul:

New members: John Blake 0411 196 775

Alpha is starting again: Over the last 2 years we have hosted Alpha in our parish. It was such a success that we are blessed to now have a team who are prepared to host it again.

Alpha will commence on **4th October in the Parish Centre from 6.30pm to 8.30pm** with FREE dinner and chat. We invite you to come along if you haven't been before. Remember this is not just for Catholics but for anyone who is searching, wondering where they fit into life. It is in a very casual informal friendly environment where we watch a short video and then have a conversation about it. If you know a neighbour, friend or work mate who you feel could benefit from this night please bring them along. They can come to one, some or all 10 of the sessions.



Bookings are essential for catering for dinner and drinks. Please place your name on the board on the Alpha table or phone the Parish Office.

Season of Creation 2022 - Listen to the Voice of Creation *The Season of Creation, from 1st Sept - 4th Oct, is a time set aside each year to focus on God's gift of creation and our responsibility to care for it, our common home.*

Tragically, that sweet song {of creation} is accompanied by a cry of anguish. Or even better: a chorus of cries of anguish. In the first place, it is our sister, mother earth, who cries out. Prey to our consumerist excesses, she weeps and implores us to put an end to our abuses and to her destruction. Then too, there are all those different creatures who cry out. At the mercy of a "tyrannical anthropocentrism" (*Laudato Si'*, 68), completely at odds with Christ's centrality in the work of creation, countless species are dying out and their hymns of praise silenced



(from Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation on September 1)

Marriage Advice from the Marriage Course: When was the last time you went on a date with your spouse? A date doesn't have to be dinner in the city all the time. It could be something you both enjoy doing together. Maybe go for a hike, attend a trivia night, watch live shows or do something new together. Whatever it is, if we don't fight for it or schedule it in our calendar, it's very easy to let the other demands of our life take over.

Around the Archdiocese

Requiem Mass for Queen Elizabeth II: At the Cathedral of St Stephen on Saturday 17th September at 11.30am. The Principal celebrant will be Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Golden Weddings Mass - 2022: The Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated with Archbishop Mark Coleridge on **Saturday 24th September @ 11:30am** at the Cathedral of St Stephen. Those celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary, or more, are invited to attend, together with your family and friends. The Cathedral car park will be available. RSVP: Wednesday 21st September, 2022

email: cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au; or telephone: 3324 3030

Multi Cultural Mass Share your cultural faith expression and celebrate the diversity of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane at the annual Multicultural Mass. The Mass will commence at 2.30pm on **Sunday 25th September** at St Stephen's Cathedral in observance of World Day of Migrant and Refugees (25 September), highlighting this year's theme, *Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees*. It will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and concelebrated by priests ministering to cultural communities throughout the Archdiocese. Cultural performances and refreshments in the cathedral grounds will follow. For more information or to register, head to <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/MCM22>

Can you undertake an Overseas Mission with Palms Australia? American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities. Embrace one of these Mission opportunities abroad and mentor those with little other opportunity. You will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.

Enquire online or Ph: 0422 742 567 and Register for a Webinar on Saturday September 24th at 11:30am where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now. Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our 13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16th to 28th.

The Cathedral Seminars: A Church of Saints & Sinners What implications does our faith have for how we live today? Grow in understanding of not just what the Church teaches but how to incorporate it into your lived experience in this seminar as we explore why and how we look to the saints and the significance that they have on our lives as Catholics. **Thursday 29th September** from 7.00pm to 8.30pm at the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral Precinct (196 Charlotte St, Brisbane). Cost: \$10pp RSVP: Tuesday 27 September

Parking will be available under the Cathedral (access via Charlotte St) and refreshments will be provided on arrival to help those who came straight from work.

Register now at: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/CathedralSeminar-September>

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